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HOUSE BILL NO. 1992



INTRODUCED BY REP. ARNULFO GO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require the mandatory installation of CCTV Cameras on all public utility buses nationwide for the protection, security and benefit of all passengers and commuters. The purpose of this bill is to enhance and promote the safety and security of all passengers and commuters of buses thereon and the commuting public in general.

The installation of CCTV Cameras shall promote land transport safety by capturing images of passengers and recording them in the DVR in case investigations of incidents inside the bus may be needed and as well as outside the vehicle.

The importance and necessity of safe transportation nationwide cannot be overemphasized. The enactment of this bill is expected to ensure that passengers of all public utility buses shall be protected through pro-active measures that either prevent or remedy threats coming from terrorist groups or robbers. This will help ensure that this particular mode of transportation is conducted safely. We believe that this will be effective vehicle for the realization of such a need.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS
ON ALL PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES NATIONWIDE FOR THE PROTECTION,
SECURITY AND BENEFIT OF PASSENGERS AND COMMUTERS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.

Section 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as the “ Public Utility Bus transport Safety and Security Act of 2013”

Section 2. Declaration Policy – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote safety and security in the transportation of people through pro-active measures that either prevent or remedy threats against passengers of Public Utility Buses perpetrated by terrorist groups or robbers. Towards this end the government shall:

- (a) Require bus operators nationwide to install CCTV Cameras in their Buses;
- (b) Support security and safety programs based on continuing monitoring and objective reviews of causes of nefarious activities of robbers and terrorist groups;
- (c) Appraise and assess operating practices and regulations of government agencies in particular those involved in the land transportation sector insofar as they affect safety and security, and where appropriate, shall initiate, coordinate, formulate, or promulgate safety and security improvement standards for the observance and implementation by concerned government agencies and or private entities with emphasis on bus operators.

Section 3. Definition of Terms – for the purpose of this Act, the term:

- (a) “CCTV” cameras shall refer to Closed-circuit television using video cameras. A more advanced form of CCTV, utilizing Digital Video Recorders (DVRs), provides recording for features.
- (b) “ Public Utility Bus” shall refer to a bus with a valid LTFRB franchise serving respective designated routes nationwide.

Section 4. Mandatory use of CCTV Cameras Public Utility Buses nationwide for the safety and security of all passengers and commuters thereon and the commuting public in general, all Public Utility Buses, without exception are required to install CCTV cameras to promote safety and act as deterrent against any untoward incident directed at bus passengers and commuters.

Section 5. Registration – No Public Utility buses shall be allowed initial registration and succeeding renewal of registration unless it is equipped with CCTV cameras. Renewal of registration without the required CCTV cameras shall not be allowed one (1) year after the passage of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Act. For this purpose, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) shall include in the implementing guidelines a system of vehicle inspection, registration and franchise suspension or cancellation where compliance with Section 4 hereof is required.

Section 6. Period of Implementation – The Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the LTFRB shall be the agencies primarily responsible in the enforcement and implementation of this Act. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the LTO and the LTFRB shall formulate and issue the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and guidelines and shall mobilize available resources to assure the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 7. Penalties and Fines – It is hereby declared unlawful for bus operators to operate without the CCTV cameras installed in their respective buses. In the enforcement of this Act, the LTO shall impose fines against operators nationwide for any violation of this Act. The following shall be the basis in defining the provisions of fines and penalties of the IRR to be promulgated pursuant to pertinent provision of this Act hereof: Provided, that a grace period of six (6) months from the effectivity date of the IRR shall be granted to afford the LTO and the other government agencies concerned the opportunity to conduct the necessary information campaign:

(1) On the owner or operator of buses:

- (a) The failure to install the required CCTV cameras, a minimum fine of Two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) but not to exceed Three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) and suspension of the LTFRB franchise.

Section 8. Separability Clause – If any provision or part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not otherwise affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 9. Repealing Clause – Any law, executive order, decree, issuance, ordinance, rule and regulation or any part hereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is also hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly,

Section 10. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take affect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved: